

The CDCR integration housing procedure requires an inmate to be housed in the "first available and appropriate bed" based on each offender's integration eligibility code and individual case factors.

Expectations of the Offender Population

It is the CDCR's expectation that all offenders will comply with this policy. Refusal to participate in CDCR's Integrated Housing procedure will lead to placement in alternative housing, restriction in credit earning status, loss or reduction in privileges, canteen and property.

An offender who is deemed to be restricted from housing in an integrated bed, will be re-evaluated on an annual basis to determine if the situation has changed.

Advantages to Integrated Housing

Integrated Housing in other states has proven to:

- Assist in gang management
- Reduce Violence
- Increase housing options
- Reduce racial tension
- Promote increased tolerance of others
- Break down prejudicial barriers, perceptions and attitudes
- Reflect community norms

Areas within the CDCR that are already integrated

- Dormitories
- Dining Rooms
- Classrooms
- Work Assignments
- Chapels
- Yards
- Visiting
- Female Institutions
- Specialized Programs

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Johnson vs. ► State of California

In 1995, inmate Johnson filed a complaint in the United States District Court, Central District, alleging that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's reception center housing practice violated his right to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment by assigning him cellmates on the basis of his race. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) prevailed in the District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Inmate Johnson filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court. After clarifying the constitutional standard that applies to racial classifications imposed by government, the Supreme Court remanded the case to the Ninth Circuit for application of that standard. The parties agreed to participate in mediation, which resulted in a Settlement and Release Agreement.

The Settlement and Release Agreement

To comply with the settlement and release agreement, the CDCR has developed the following policy:

The Policy

"All offender housing assignments shall be made on the basis of rational objective criteria taking into consideration each individual offender's safety, security, treatment and rehabilitative needs. An offender's race will not be used as the sole determining factor when housing the offender population."

This policy has been designed to ensure that housing practices, including Integrated Housing, are completed in such a manner as to ensure to the maximum extent possible that the offender's safety, security, treatment and rehabilitative needs are being met. This includes existing departmental policy mandates, (i.e., Clark, Armstrong, Coleman Plata and Perez settlement agreements).

Integrated Housing

Implementation of this plan is expected to begin in the next few months. The implementation will be completed in multiple phases.

Phase 1

Each CDCR offender will be assigned a code indicating whether they are eligible or not for Integrated Housing. Eligibility for Integrated Housing will be determined by individual offender case histories.

Phase 2

Specified offender populations will begin Integrated Housing. Institutional personnel responsible for housing decisions will use integration eligibility codes and offender case factors to house offenders in the "first available and appropriate bed," without regard to race.

Phase 3

Will require that all CDCR offenders have a designated integration eligibility code. All institutions will begin Integrated Housing using these codes. Eligible new arrivals, transfers, returns to custody and others requiring new housing will be housed in the first available and appropriate bed, without regard to race.

